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(54) **ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE**

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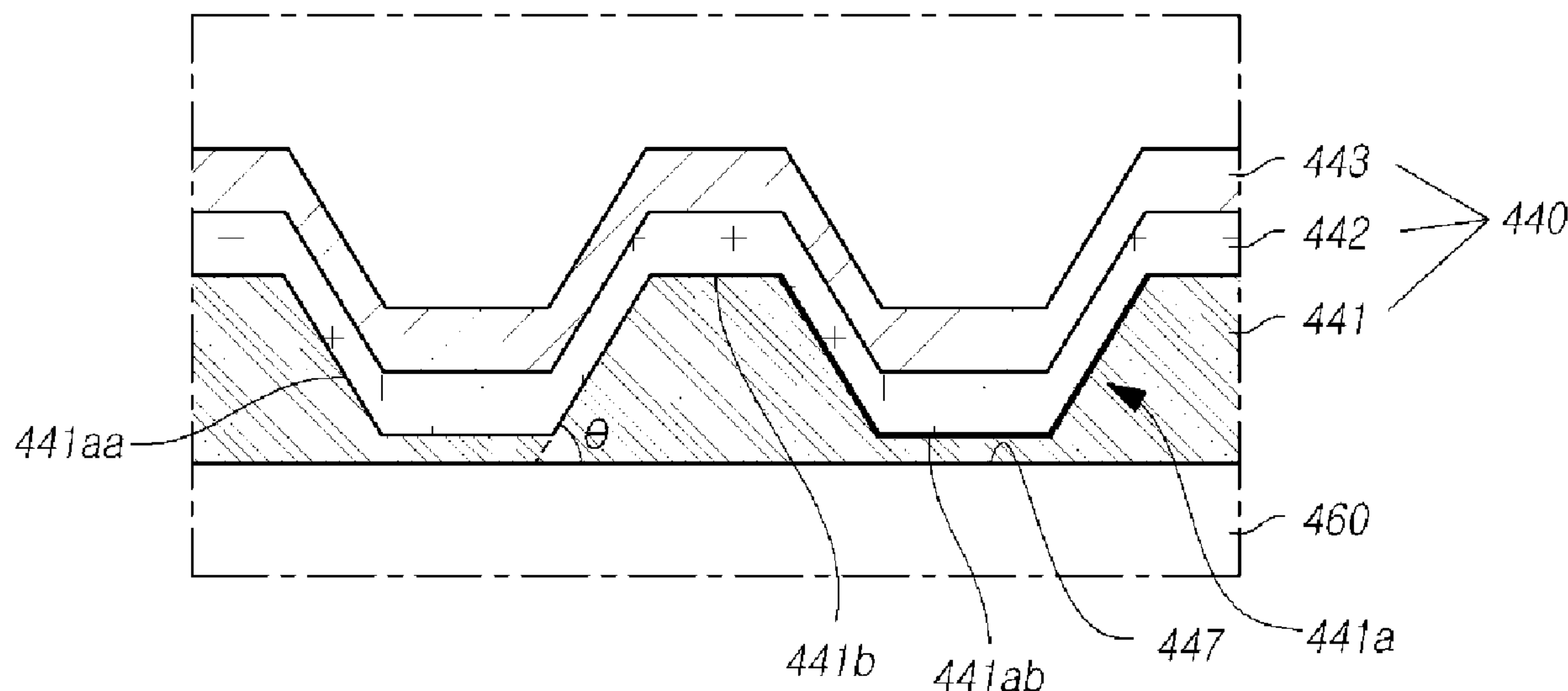
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An exemplary embodiment may provide an organic light
emitting diode that includes a first electrode including a
concave part or a convex part, an organic light emitting layer
disposed on the first electrode, and a second electrode
disposed on the organic light emitting layer. Further, the
exemplary embodiment may provide an organic light emit-
ting device including the organic light emitting diode.

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FIG. 1

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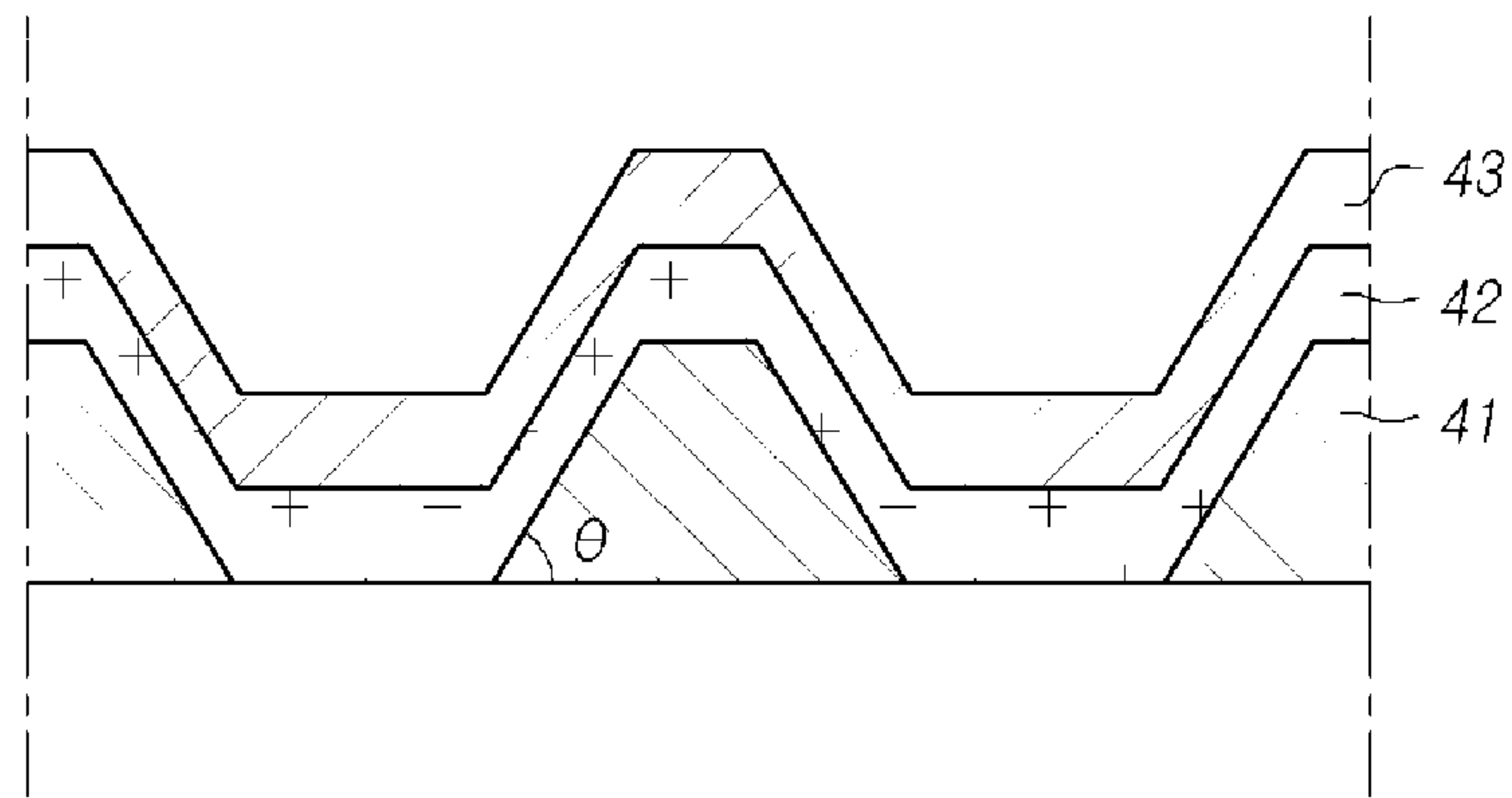


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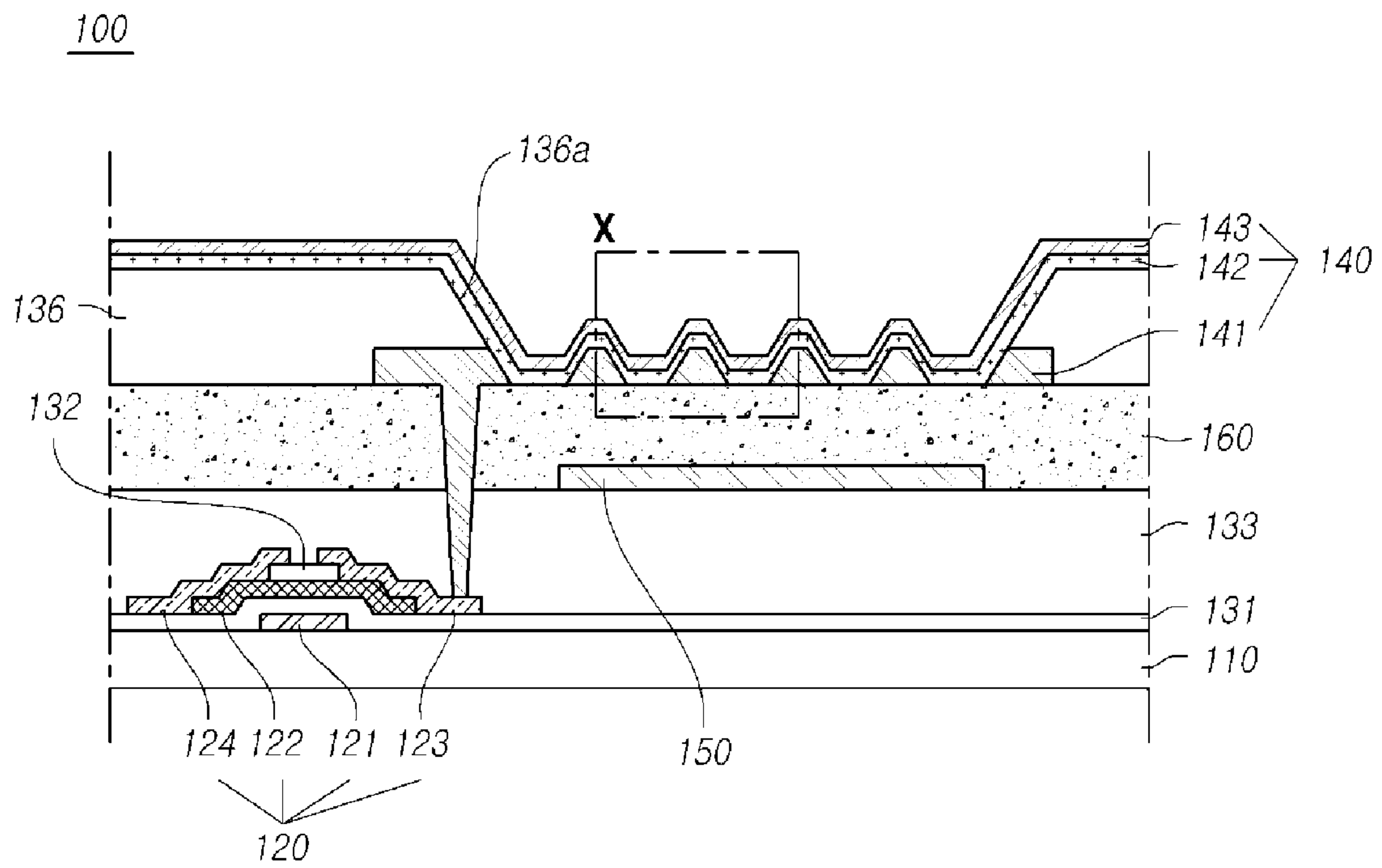


FIG. 3A

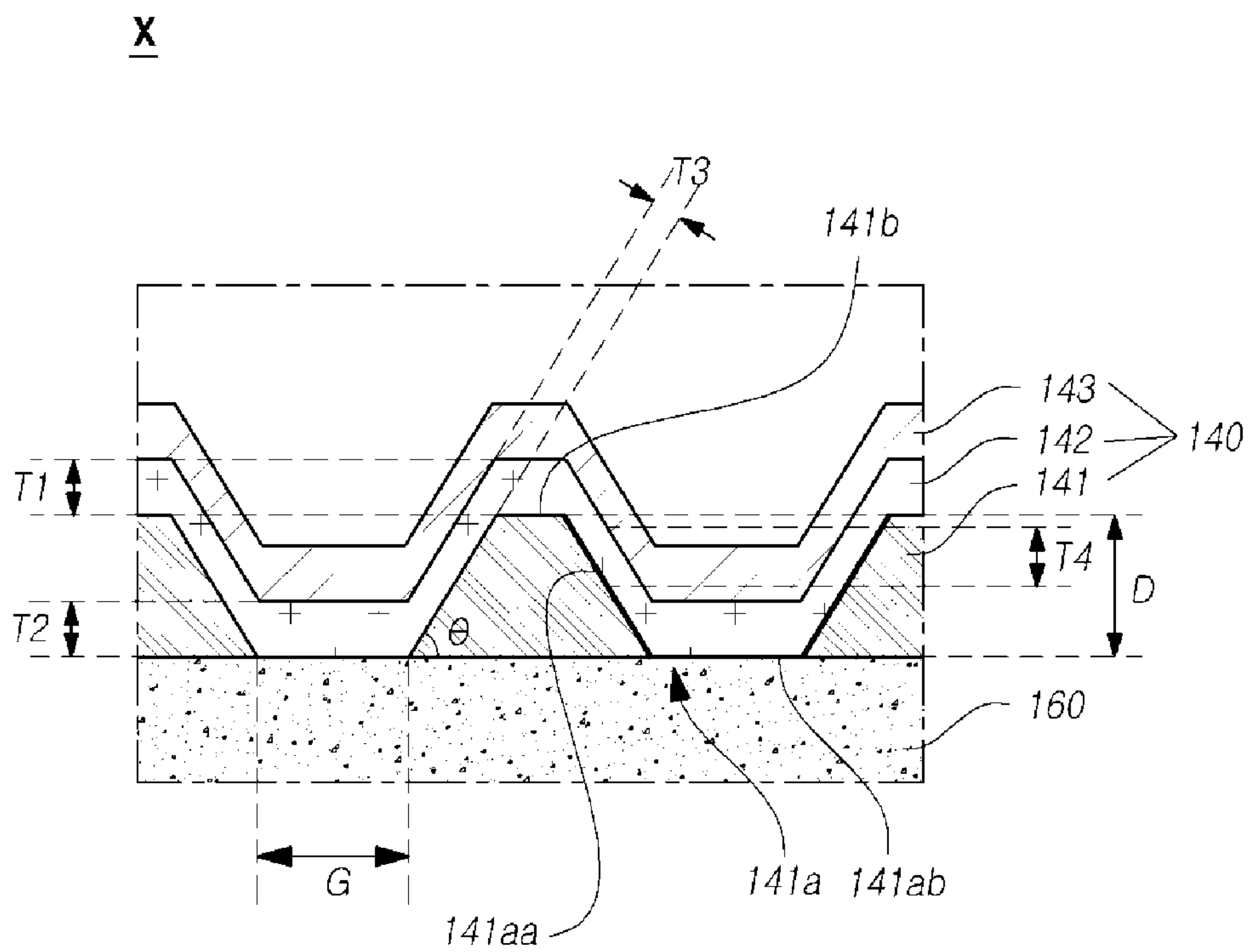


FIG. 3B

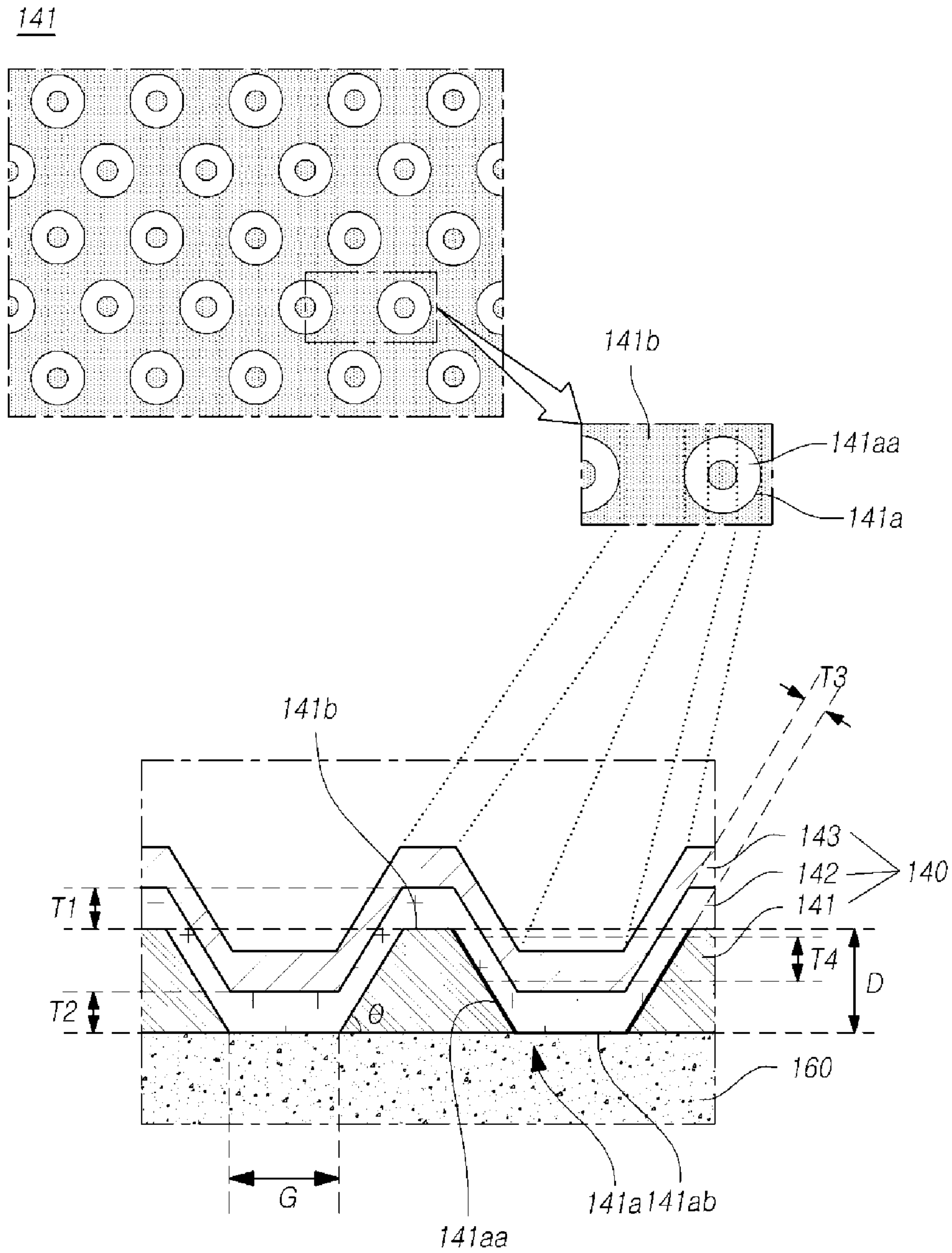


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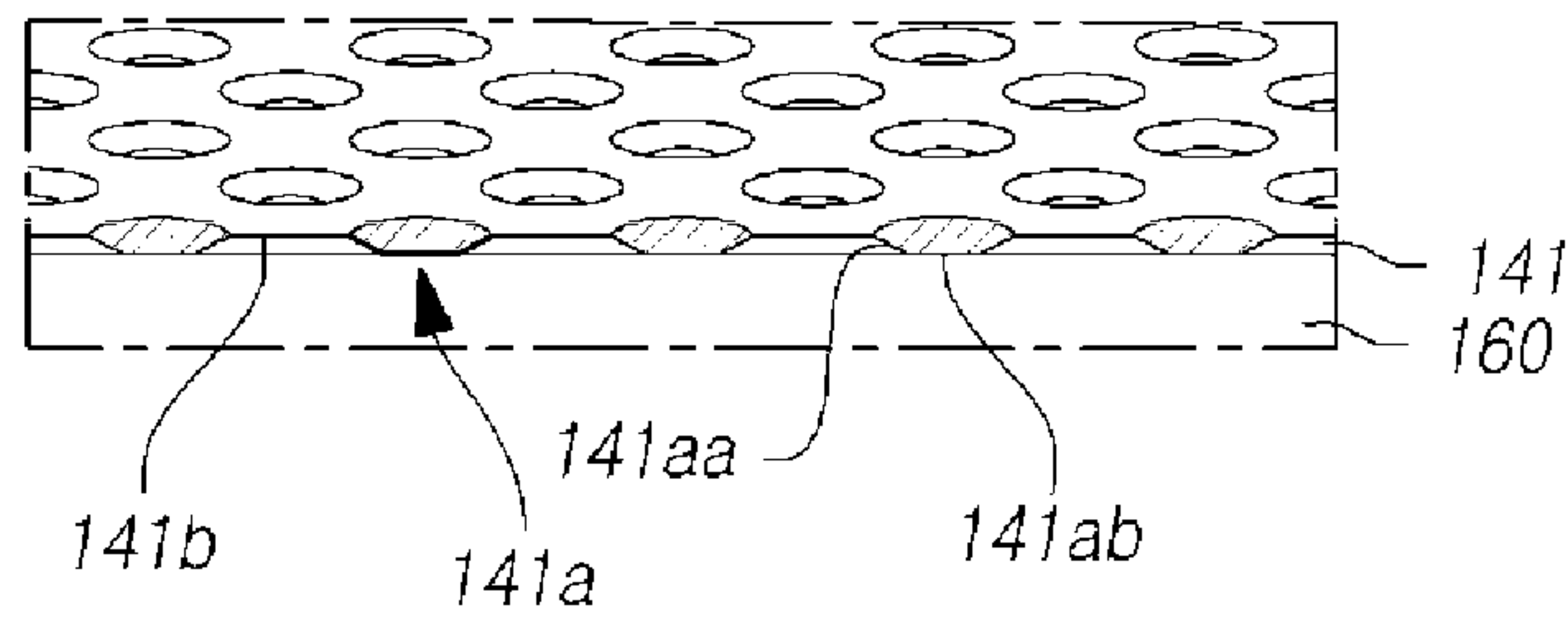


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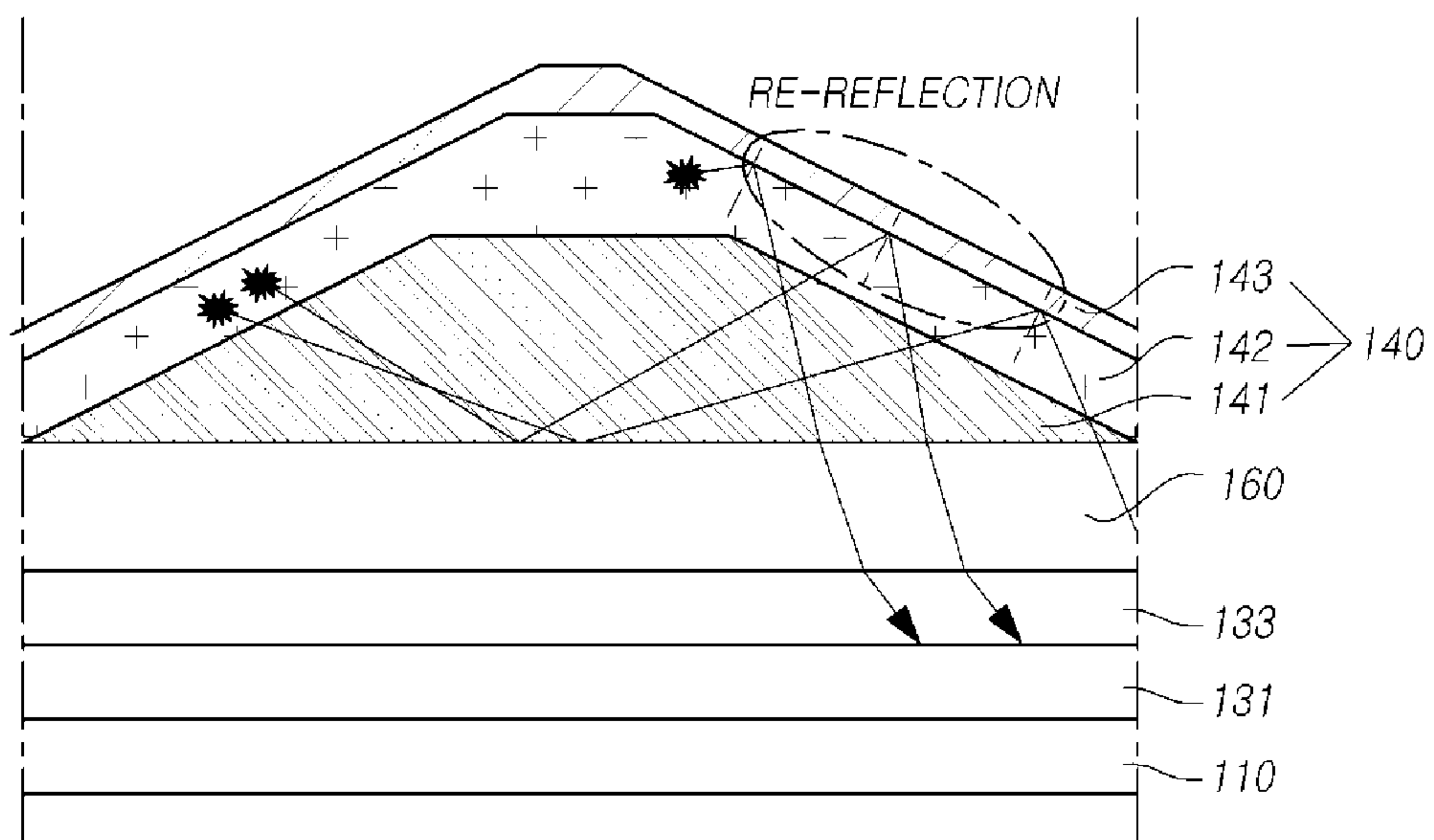


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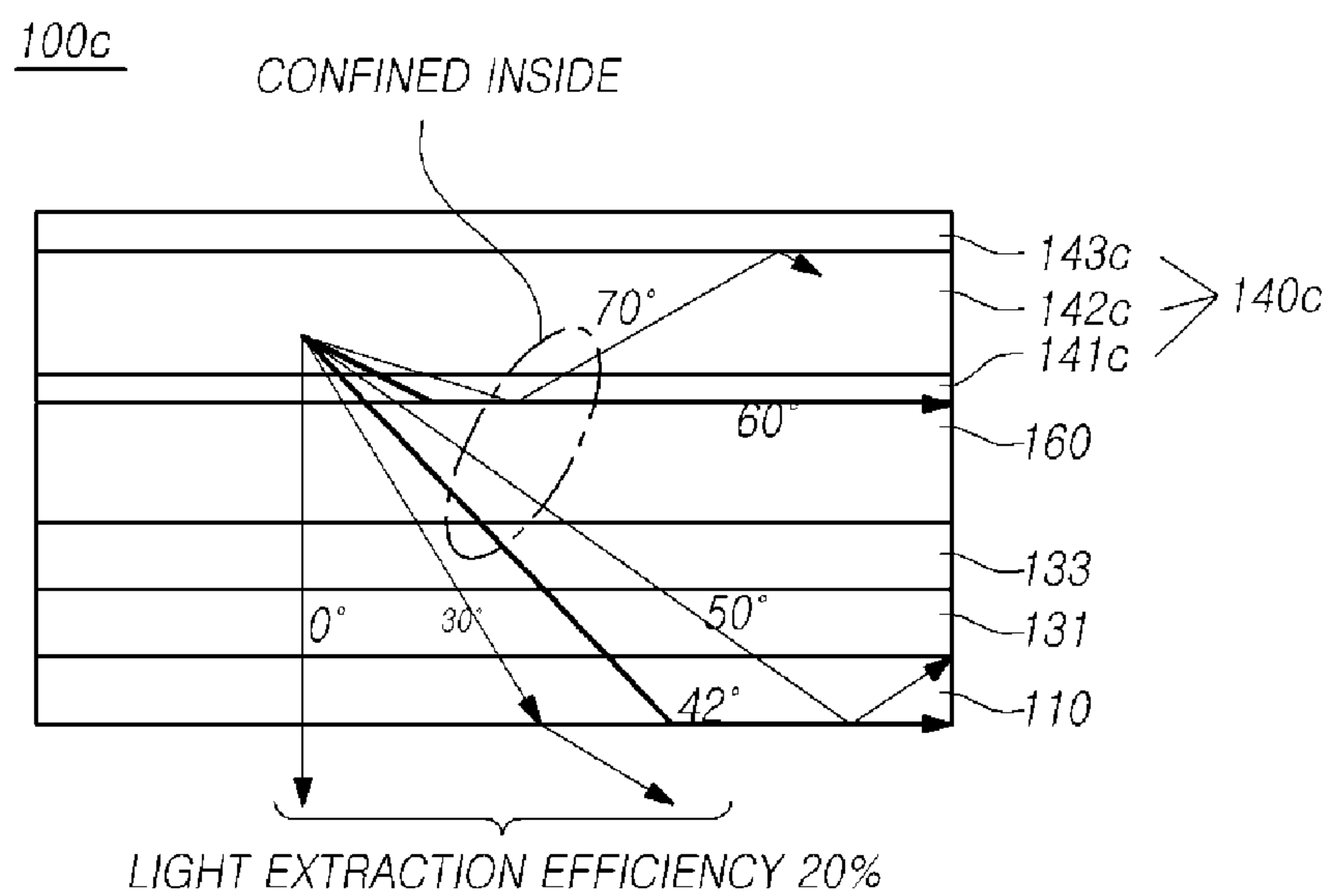


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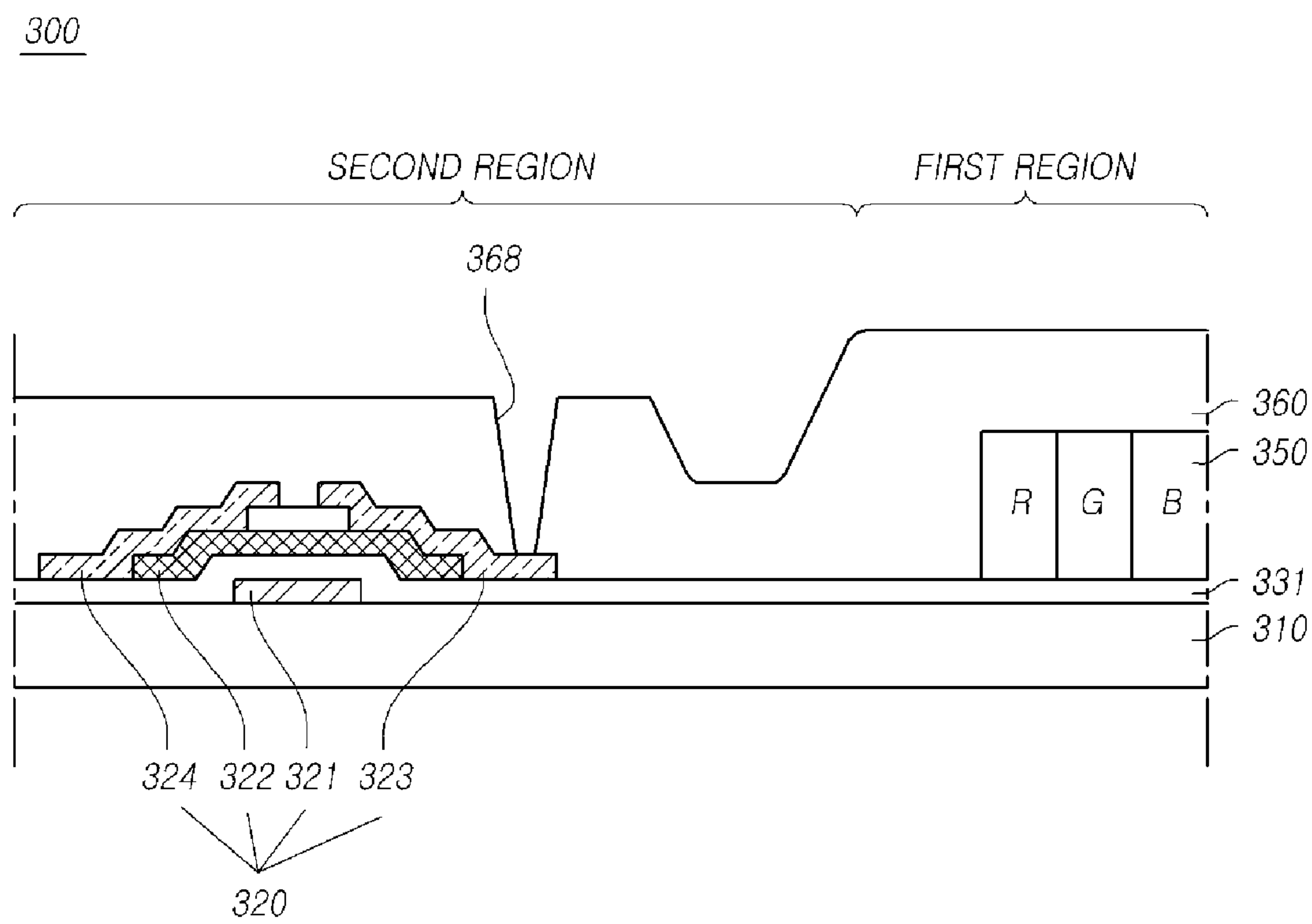


FIG. 8A

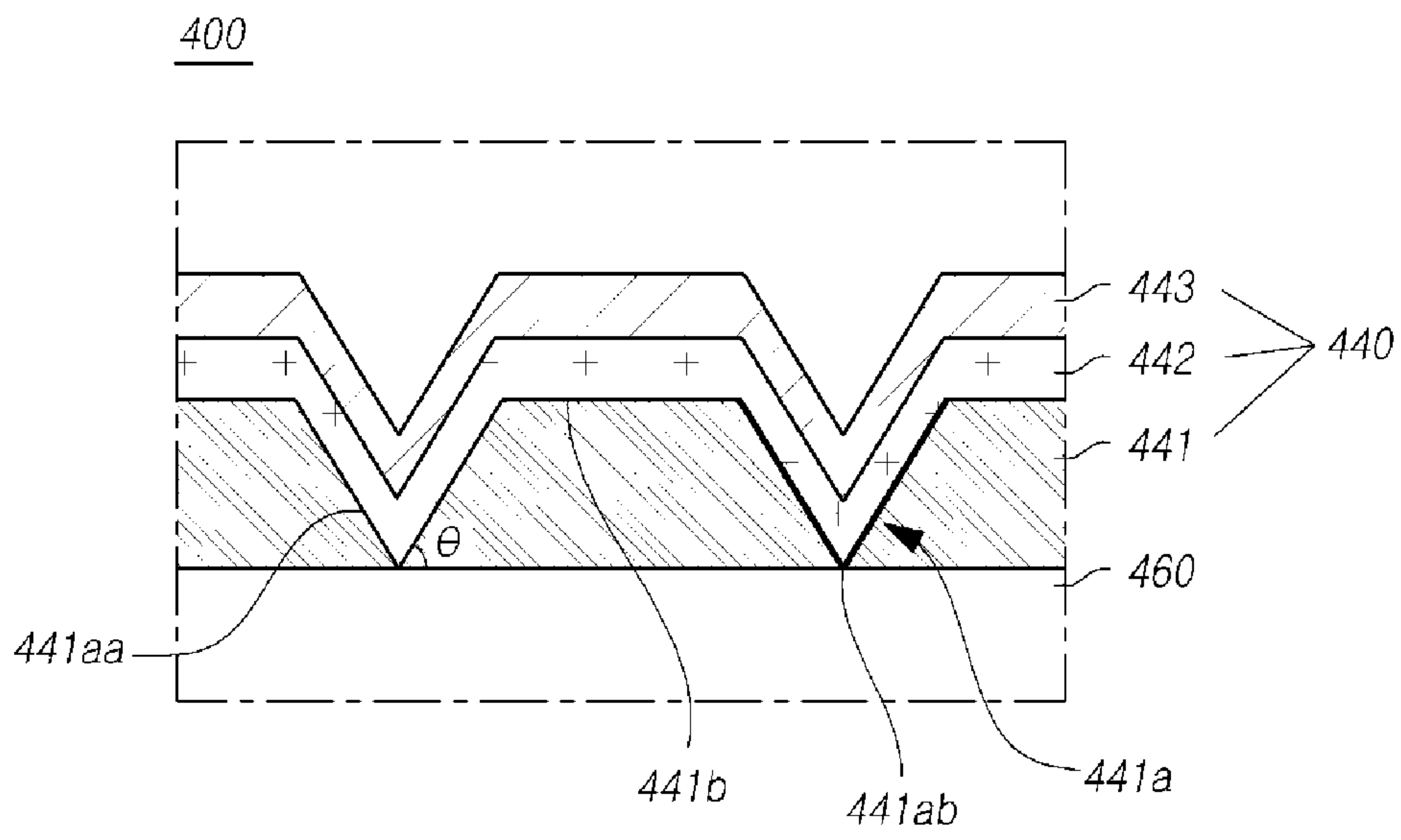


FIG. 8B

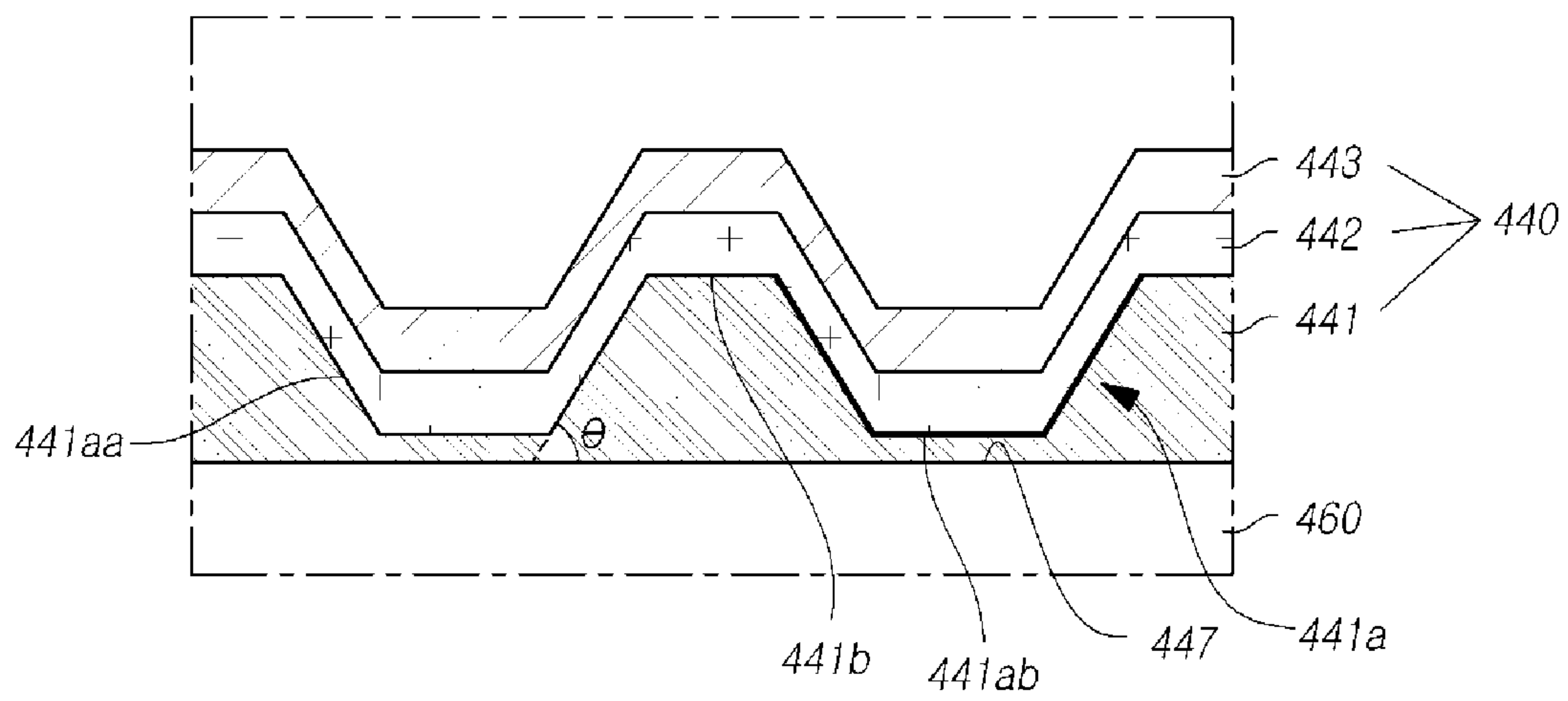


FIG. 9

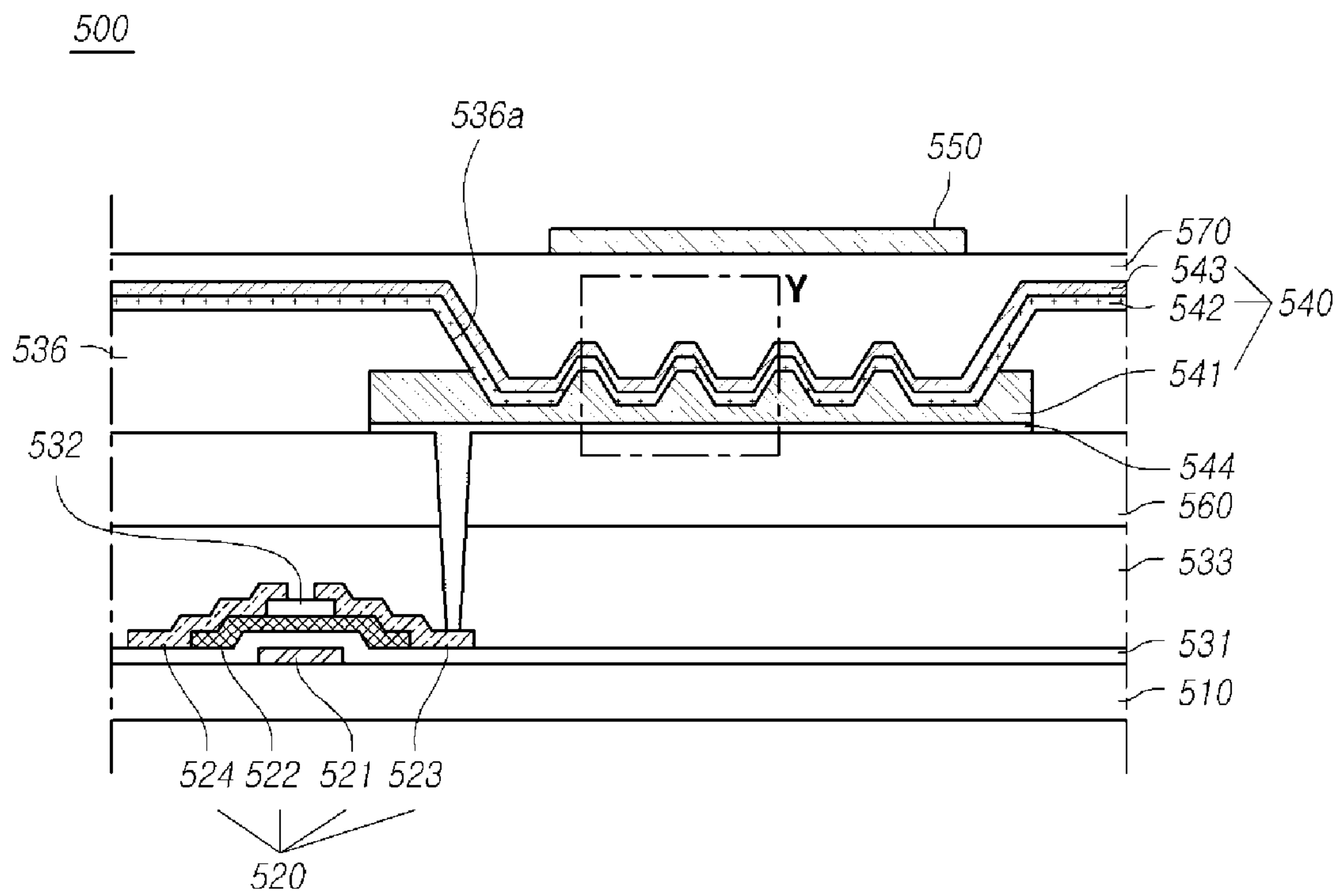


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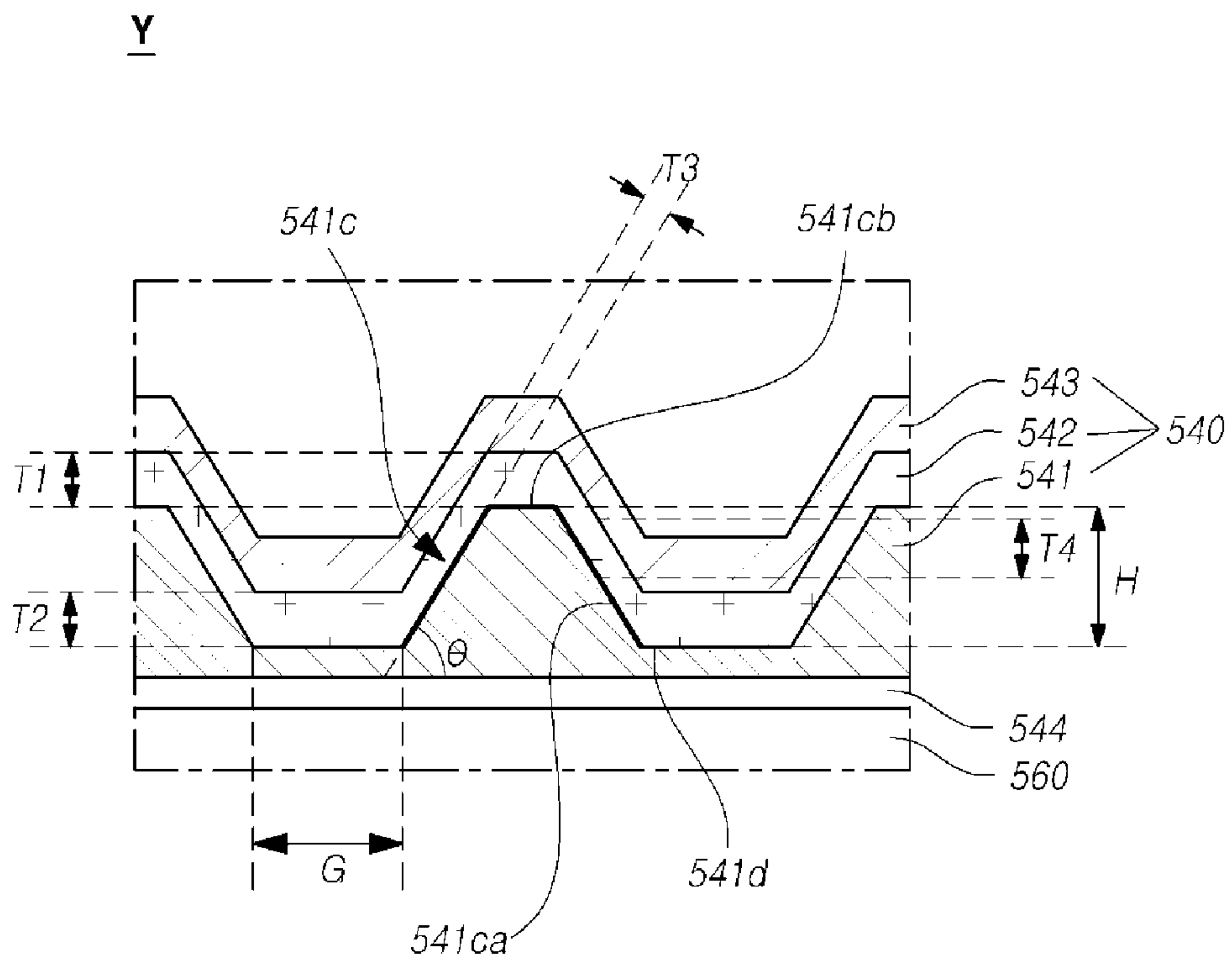


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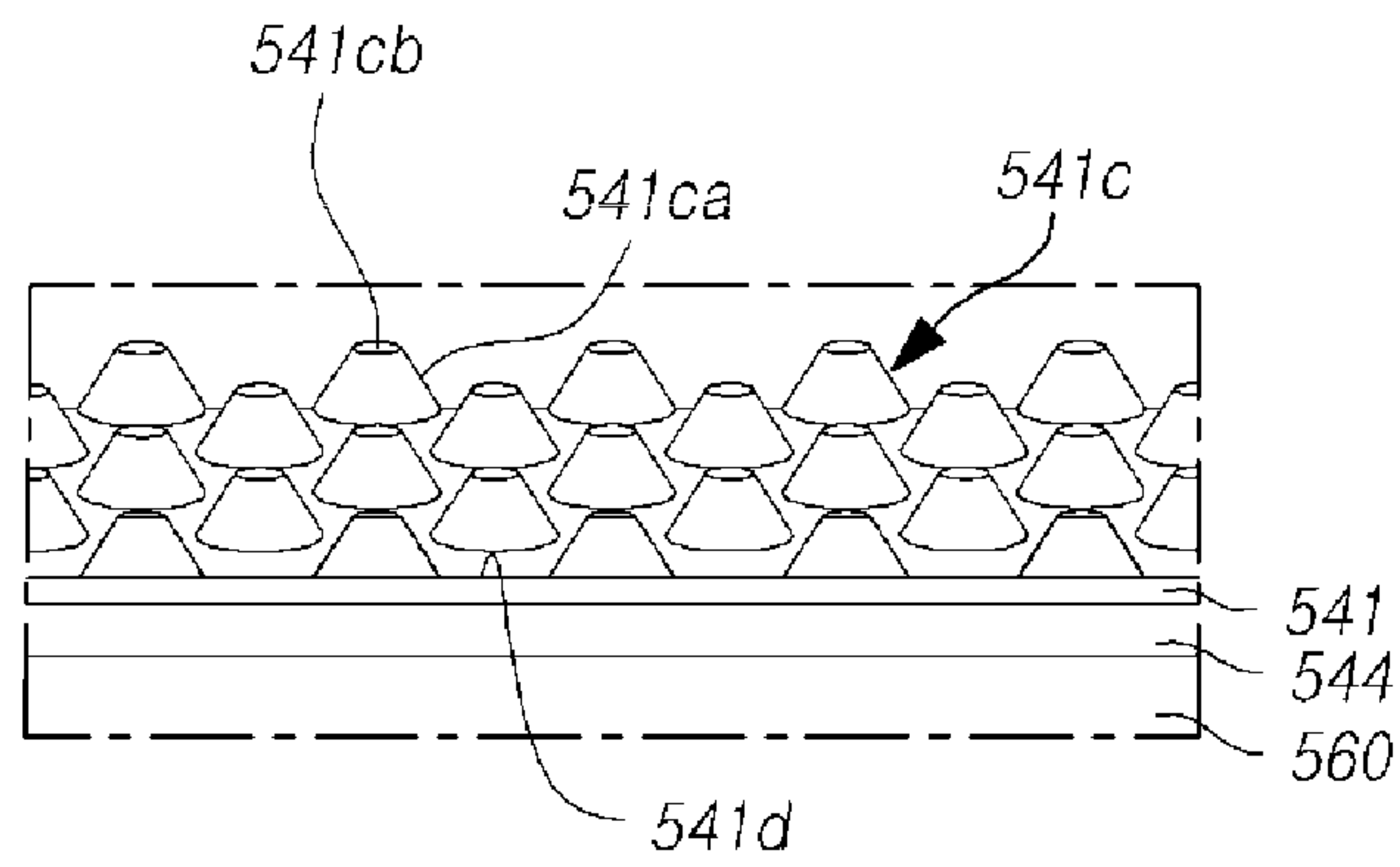


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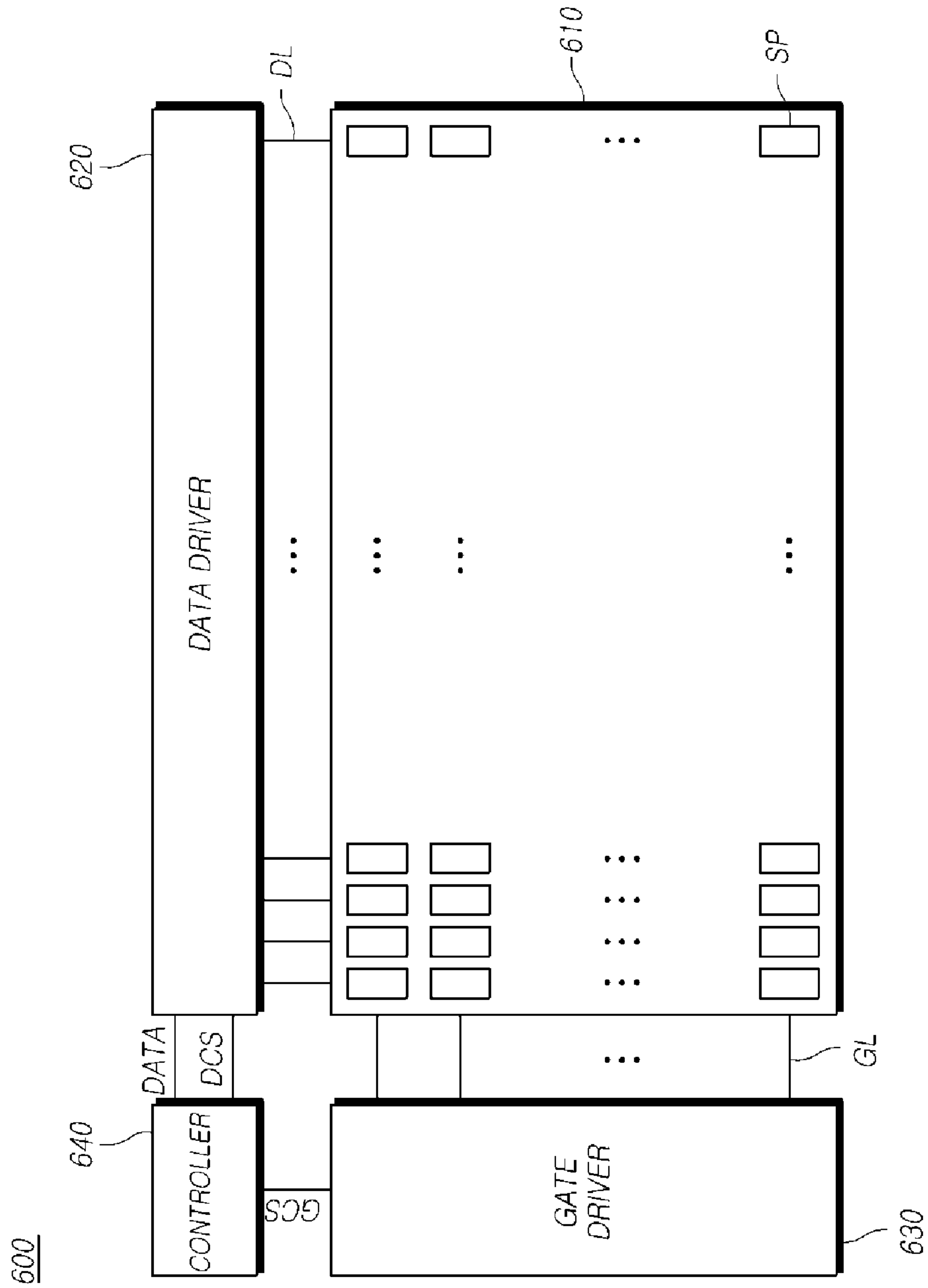
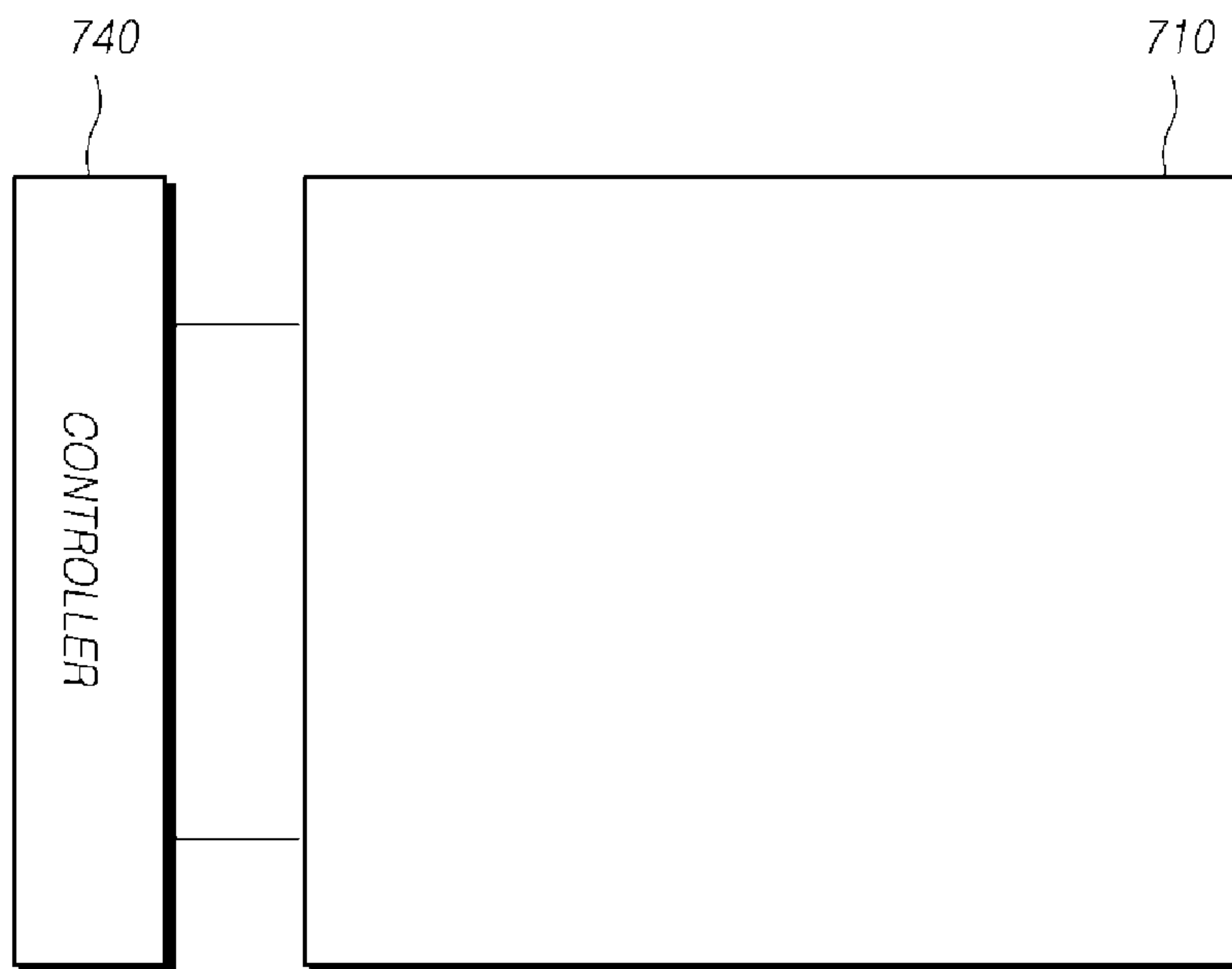


FIG. 13

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ORGANIC LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 15/593,029 filed on May 11, 2017, which claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 10-2016-0182068, filed on Dec. 29, 2016, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the invention

The present disclosure relates to an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device that emits light.

2. Description of the Prior Art

An organic light emitting device has advantages in that by using self-light emitting Organic Light Emitting Diodes (OLEDs), a response speed is high, a light emitting efficiency is high, a luminance is high, and a viewing angle is wide.

Light emitted from an organic light emitting layer of the organic light emitting device passes through various elements of the organic light emitting device, and is emitted from the organic light emitting device. However, some light, which is emitted from the organic light emitting layer, is confined inside the organic light emitting diode device, rather than being emitted from the organic light emitting device. Therefore, the light extraction efficiency of the organic light emitting device becomes an issue. A method of attaching a Micro Lens Array (MLA) to the outside of a substrate of the organic light emitting device has been used in order to improve the light extraction efficiency of the organic light emitting device.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In this background, an object of the present disclosure is to provide an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device that improve an outward light emitting efficiency and reduce power consumption.

An exemplary embodiment may provide an organic light emitting diode that includes a first electrode including a concave part or a convex part, an organic light emitting layer disposed on the first electrode, and a second electrode disposed on the organic light emitting layer. Further, the exemplary embodiment may provide an organic light emitting device including the organic light emitting diode. The concave part or the convex part may include a concave bottom or a convex top, respectively, and one or more inclined side surfaces. In some embodiments, a first thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to said one or more of the inclined side surfaces is thinner than a second thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to the concave bottom or the convex top.

According to the present exemplary embodiment as described above, it is possible to provide an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device that can improve an external light emitting efficiency and can reduce power consumption.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above and other objects, features, and advantages of the present disclosure will be more apparent from the

following detailed description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode according to one exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device according to one exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 3A is an enlarged cross-sectional view for the region "X" in FIG. 2;

FIG. 3B illustrates a plan view of the first electrode of FIG. 2 and an enlarged sectional view of the region "X" of FIG. 2, which corresponds to the planar structure of the first electrode;

FIG. 4 is a partial perspective view illustrating the third insulation layer and the first electrode of FIG. 2 in which an end surface is partially cut away;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of a part of the region "X" in FIG. 2, illustrating optical paths of light emitted from an organic light emitting layer;

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating optical paths of light emitted from an organic light emitting device according to a comparative example;

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device including a thin film transistor according to another exemplary embodiment before a first electrode is formed in the organic light emitting device;

FIGS. 8A and 8B are enlarged sectional views of an organic light emitting device according to still another exemplary embodiment;

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device according to still another exemplary embodiment.

FIG. 10 is an enlarged cross-sectional view for the region "Y" in FIG. 9;

FIG. 11 is a partial perspective view illustrating the third insulation layer, the reflection plate, and the first electrode of FIG. 9 in which an end surface is partially cut away;

FIG. 12 is a view briefly illustrating an organic light emitting display device in a case where the organic light emitting device according to the exemplary embodiments is an organic light emitting diode display device; and

FIG. 13 is a view briefly illustrating a lighting device in a case where the organic light emitting device according to the exemplary embodiments is a lighting device.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Hereinafter, some embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying illustrative drawings. In designating elements of the drawings by reference numerals, the same elements will be designated by the same reference numerals although they are shown in different drawings. Further, in the following description of the present disclosure, a detailed description of known functions and configurations incorporated herein will be omitted when it may make the subject matter of the present disclosure rather unclear.

In addition, terms, such as first, second, A, B, (a), (b) or the like may be used herein when describing components of the present disclosure. Each of these terminologies is not used to define an essence, order or sequence of a corresponding component but used merely to distinguish the corresponding component from other component(s). In the case that it is described that a certain structural element "is connected to", "is coupled to", or "is in contact with" another structural element, it should be interpreted that another structural element may "be connected to", "be

coupled to”, or “be in contact with” the structural elements as well as that the certain structural element is directly connected to or is in direct contact with another structural element.

FIG. 1 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting diode according to one exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 1, an organic light emitting diode 10 includes a first electrode 41 including a concave part or a convex part, an organic light emitting layer 42 disposed on the first electrode 41, and a second electrode 43 disposed on the organic light emitting layer 42.

Detailed descriptions of a structure and a shape of the organic light emitting diode 10 will be made later with reference to FIGS. 3A, 3B, and 10.

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device according to one exemplary embodiment. FIG. 3A is an enlarged cross-sectional view for the region “X” in FIG. 2. FIG. 3B illustrates a plan view of the first electrode of FIG. 2 and an enlarged sectional view of the region “X” of FIG. 2, which corresponds to the planar structure of the first electrode.

Referring to FIG. 2, an organic light emitting device 100 according to an exemplary embodiment may be any of various light emitting devices that include an organic light emitting diode or an organic electric element including two electrodes and an organic layer between the two electrodes.

The organic light emitting device 100 may be one of an organic light emitting display device that displays an image, a lighting device, and a light source. For example, when the organic light emitting device 100 is an organic light emitting diode display device, it may be, but not exclusively, at least one of a bottom emission display device, a top emission display device, a dual emission display device, a flexible display device, and a transparent display device.

When the organic light emitting device 100 is a lighting device, it may be an indoor or outdoor lighting device, a vehicular lighting device, or the like, or may be combined with another mechanical member to be applied to the above-described lighting devices. For example, the vehicular lighting device may be, but not exclusively, at least one of a head lamp, a high beam lamp, a tail lamp, a brake lamp, a back light, a stop lamp, a fog lamp, a turn signal light, and an auxiliary lamp.

When the organic light emitting device 100 is a light source, it may be efficiently applied to, for example: a light source of a backlight of a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD), various lighting sensors, a printer, or a copying machine; a light source of a vehicle instrument; a light source of a signal lamp, a sign lamp, or a surface light emitting body; a decoration; various lights; or the like.

Hereinafter, descriptions will be made assuming that the organic light emitting device 100 is an organic light emitting diode display device. However, without being limited thereto, the organic light emitting device 100 may be a lighting device or a light source.

Referring to FIGS. 2 and 3A, the organic light emitting device 100 is illustrated as including a substrate 110, a thin film transistor 120, a color filter 150, a third insulation layer 160, and an organic light emitting diode 140, but is not limited thereto. For example, the organic light emitting device 100 according to an exemplary embodiment may be an organic light emitting device including an organic light emitting diode 140 on the substrate 110, and may be an organic light emitting device including a third insulation layer 160 on the substrate 110, and an organic light emitting diode 140 on the third insulation layer 160.

As illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3A, the third insulation layer 160 may be disposed under the first electrode 141 of the organic light emitting diode 140, and may be a flat insulation layer.

The organic light emitting device 100 illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3A is a bottom emission type organic light emitting device. However, the organic light emitting device 100 according to an exemplary embodiment may be a top emission type organic light emitting device.

On the substrate 110, the thin film transistor 120 is disposed, which includes a gate electrode 121, an active layer 122, a source electrode 123, and a drain electrode 124.

More specifically, the gate electrode 121 is disposed on the substrate 110, a first insulation layer 131 for insulating the gate electrode 121 and the active layer 122 is formed on the gate electrode 121 and the substrate 110, and the active layer 122 is disposed on the first insulation layer 131. Further, an etch stopper 132 is disposed on the active layer 122, and the source electrode 123 and the drain electrode 124 are disposed on the active layer 122 and the etch stopper 132. The source electrode 123 and the drain electrode 124 are electrically connected with the active layer 122 in a manner of being in contact with the active layer 122, and are disposed on a partial region of the etch stopper 132. In some embodiments, the etch stopper 132 may not be provided.

In this specification, among various thin film transistors, which may be included in the organic light emitting device 100, only a driving thin film transistor is illustrated for the convenience of description. In addition, in this specification, descriptions will be made assuming that the thin film transistor 120 has a bottom gate structure or an inverted staggered structure in which the gate electrode 121 is located on the opposite side of the source electrode 123 and the drain electrode 124 with reference to the active layer 122. However, in other embodiments a thin film transistor 120 having a coplanar structure or a top gate structure may also be used, in which the gate electrode 121 is positioned at the same side as the source electrode 123 and the drain electrode 124 with reference to the active layer 122.

A second insulation layer 133 is disposed on the thin film transistor 120, and a color filter 150 is disposed on the second insulation layer 133.

Although FIG. 2 illustrates that the second insulation layer 133 flattens the top portion of the thin film transistor 120, the second insulation layer 133 may be disposed following the surface shapes of the elements positioned therebelow, rather than flattening the top portion of the thin film transistor 120.

The color filter 150 is configured to convert the color of light emitted from the organic light emitting layer 142, and may be one of, for example, a red color filter, a green color filter, and a blue color filter.

The color filter 150 is disposed on the second insulation layer 133 at a position corresponding to a light emitting region. Here, the light emitting region means a region where the organic light emitting layer 142 emits light by the first electrode 141 and the second electrode 143. Further, the description “the color filter 150 is disposed at a position corresponding to the light emitting region” means that the color filter 150 is disposed to prevent blurring and ghost phenomena from occurring due to a mutual mixing of lights emitted from neighboring light emitting regions.

For example, the color filter 150 is arranged to be superimposed on the light emitting region. More specifically, the color filter 150 may have a size that is smaller than the light emitting region. However, the disposed position and size of the color filter 150 may be determined by various factors,

such as a distance between the color filter **150** and the first electrode **141** and a distance between the color filter **150** and the third insulation layer **160** and a distance between a light emitting region and a non-light emitting region, in addition to the size and position of the light emitting region.

The third insulation layer **160** is disposed on the color filter **150** and the second insulation layer **133**. Although FIG. **2** illustrates that the second insulation layer **133** is included in the organic light emitting device **100**, in other embodiments the third insulation layer **160** may be directly disposed on the thin film transistor **120** without using the second insulation layer **133**. Although FIG. **2** illustrates that the color filter **150** is disposed on the second insulation layer **133**, the color filter **150** may be disposed at any position between the third insulation layer **160** and the substrate **110** without being limited thereto.

A bank layer **136** and the organic light emitting diode **140** including the first electrode **141**, the organic light emitting layer **142**, and the second electrode **143** are disposed on the third insulation layer **160**. At this time, although not illustrated, an insulative second insulation layer (not illustrated), which has a refractive index similar to that of the first electrode **141**, may be added between the third insulation layer **160** and the first electrode **141** to block outgassing from the third insulation layer **160** from spreading to the organic light emitting diode **140**.

Specifically, the first electrode **141** is disposed on the third insulation layer **160** to supply electrons or holes to the organic light emitting layer **142**. The first electrode **141** may be a positive pole, a pixel electrode, or an anode in a normal organic light emitting diode (OLED), and may be a negative pole, a pixel electrode, or a cathode in an inverted OLED.

The first electrode **141** may be connected to the source electrode **123** of the thin film transistor **120** through contact holes formed in the third insulation layer **160** and the second insulation layer **133**. Herein, it has been described that the first electrode **141** is connected to the source electrode **123** on the assumption that the thin film transistor **120** is an N-type thin film transistor. However, when the thin film transistor **120** is a P-type thin film transistor, the first electrode **141** may be connected to the drain electrode **124**. The first electrode **141** may be directly in contact with the organic light emitting layer **142**, or may be in contact with the organic light emitting layer **142** with a conductive material being interposed therebetween so that the first electrode **141** can be electrically connected to the organic light emitting layer **142**.

The first electrode **141** may be a single layer, but may be a multilayer including two or more layers.

Referring to FIG. **3A**, the first electrode **141** includes concave parts **141a** and a first connection part **141b** connecting neighboring concave parts **141a**. The first electrode **141** functions as a flattening layer in a part where no concave part **141a** is disposed, that is, in the first connecting part **141b**.

Referring to FIG. **3A**, although it is illustrated that a plurality of concave parts **141a** are provided, for example, a single concave part **141a** may be provided without being limited thereto.

FIG. **4** is a partial perspective view illustrating the third insulation layer and the first electrode of FIG. **2** partially in cross section.

Referring to FIG. **3B** and FIG. **4**, the concave part **141a** has a shape inclined to be narrowed downward. The concave part **141a** may have a constant taper shape. For example, the cross-sectional shape of the concave part **141a** may be a trapezoidal shape, but is not limited thereto.

The inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** means an angle formed by the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** and the bottom surface of the first electrode **141**, and the inclination θ may be an acute angle.

FIG. **3B** illustrates that the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** is linear in a cross section, and FIG. **4** illustrates that the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** is flat. However, the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** may be generally linear or planar, although it may include a non-linear or curved surface in a cross section.

The inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** may be 15 to 70 degrees. When the inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** has a small angle of less than 15 degrees, the light extraction efficiency may be weak. When the inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** has a large angle of more than 70 degrees, the traveling angle of light, which starts to travel from an effective light emitting region, may be 42 degrees or more. Consequently, the light may be confined again inside the organic light emitting diode **140** and the light emitting efficiency may not be increased.

Referring to FIGS. **3A** and **3B**, although it is illustrated that an interval is present in a case where a separation distance G (gap) in the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** is larger than 0, the separation distance G (gap), which is the interval between two neighboring concave parts **141a** in the bottoms **141ab** of the concave parts **141a**, may be zero (i.e., two neighboring concave parts **141** may be adjacent to each other without a gap G), as will be described later with reference to FIG. **8A**.

As illustrated in FIGS. **3B** and **4**, the concave parts **141a** may have a circular shape as a whole in a plan view. However, without being limited thereto, the concave parts **141a** may have various shapes, such as a hemispherical shape, a semi-ellipsoidal shape, a square shape, and a hexagonal shape.

The shape of the concave parts **141a** of the first electrode **141** is formed through the processes, such as photolithography, wet etching, and dry etching. In this case, the morphology of the concave parts **141a** of the first electrode **141** can be adjusted when a heat treatment process performed at this time is adjusted.

In terms of material, the first electrode **141** may include an amorphous metal oxide. For example, the amorphous metal oxide may include any one selected from a group consisting of Indium Zinc Oxide (IZO), Zinc Tin Oxide (ZTO), SnO₂ (tin oxide), ZnO (zinc oxide), In₂O₃ (indium oxide), Gallium Indium Tin Oxide (GITO), Indium Gallium Zinc Oxide (IGZO), Zinc Indium Tin Oxide (ZITO), Indium Gallium Oxide (IGO), Ga₂O₃ (gallium oxide), Aluminum Zinc Oxide (AZO) and Gallium Zinc Oxide (GZO).

When the first electrode **141** includes the amorphous metal oxide, it may be suitable for forming the concave portion **141a** of the first electrode **141** to the three-dimensionally constant taper shape through processes such as photolithography, wet etching, and dry etching. In terms of material-process relationship, it is possible to form the concave portion **141a** of the first electrode **141** to a three-dimensionally reverse taper shape if the material of the first electrode **141** is selected incorrectly.

A bank layer **136** is disposed on the third insulation layer **160** and the first electrode **141**, and the bank layer **136** includes an opening **136a** that exposes the first electrode **141**. The bank layer **136** serves to separate neighboring pixels (or sub-pixels) regions, and may be disposed between

neighboring pixel (or sub-pixel) regions. The concave parts **141a** and the first connection part **141b** of the first electrode **141** are disposed to be superimposed on the opening **136a** of the bank layer **136**.

The organic light emitting layer **142** is disposed on the first electrode **141**, and the second electrode **143** is disposed on the organic light emitting layer **142** to supply electrons or holes to the organic light emitting layer **142**. The organic light emitting layer **142** is disposed in a tandem white structure in which a plurality of organic light emitting layers are stacked in order to emit white light. The organic light emitting layer **142** may include a first organic light emitting layer that emits blue light and a second organic light emitting layer that is disposed on the first organic light emitting layer and emits light having a color that becomes white when mixed with blue. The second organic light emitting layer may be an organic light emitting layer that emits, for example, yellow green light. In the meantime, the organic light emitting layer **142** may only include an organic light emitting layer that emits one of blue light, red light, and green light. In this case, the color filter **150** may not be included. The second electrode **143** may be a negative pole, a common electrode, or a cathode in a normal organic light emitting diode (OLED), and may be a positive pole, a common electrode, or an anode in an inverted OLED.

The organic light emitting layer **142** and the second electrode **143** are disposed in a shape that follows the morphology of the top surface of the first electrode **141**. Accordingly, the organic light emitting layer **142** and the second electrode **143** have a concave morphology in the concave parts **141a** of the first electrode **141**. Consequently, the shape of the organic light emitting diode **140** may be implemented using the concave parts **141a** of the first electrode **141**.

The thickness of the organic light emitting layer **142**, which is in a direction perpendicular to the first electrode **141**, may be relatively thin in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **141aa** of each concave part **141a**, and may be thinner than the part of the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **142** adjacent to the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** or the first connection part **141b** of the first electrode **141**.

For example, when the organic light emitting layer **142** is formed through a vapor deposition process, the thicknesses **T1**, **T2**, and **T4** of the organic light emitting layer **142** deposited in a direction perpendicular to the substrate **110** are the same as each other. However, due to the characteristics of the vapor deposition process, the thickness **T3** of the organic light emitting layer **142** driving a current between the practical first and second electrodes **141** and **143** in the vertical direction on the inclined surface of the organic light emitting layer **142** becomes relatively thin. The thicknesses **T1** and **T2** of the organic light emitting layer **142** driving a current between the first electrode **141** and the second electrode **143** are relatively thick in the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** and the first connection part **141b**.

The thickness **T3** of the organic light emitting layer **142**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **141** in the region corresponding to the inclined surface **141aa** of each concave part **141a**, is reduced as the inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** is increased. The thickness **T3** of the organic light emitting layer **142**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **141** in the region corresponding to the inclined surface **141aa** of each concave part **141a**, and the inclination θ of the inclined surface **141aa** of the concave part **141a** are determined according to Equation 1 as follows.

$$T3 = T1 * \cos \theta = T2 * \cos \theta = T4 * \cos \theta$$

Equation 1

As described above, the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **142** in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **141aa** of each concave part **141a** may be relatively thinner than the part of the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **142** adjacent to the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** or the first connection part **141b** of the first electrode **141**.

The thickness of the organic light emitting layer **142** in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **141aa** of each concave part **141a** being relatively thin may result in an efficient light emitting region in which electric fields are locally concentrated. When the organic light emitting diode **140** is driven, electric fields are locally concentrated in the efficient light emitting region, and a main current path is formed to generate the main light emission.

In one embodiment, **T3** is a value of **T1** reduced by 15%-50%, **T2** reduced by 15%-50%, or **T4** reduced by 15%-50%. When **T3** is **T1** (or **T2**, or **T4**) reduced by less than 15%, light emission quantity is not enhanced significantly. On the other hand, when **T3** is **T1** (or **T2**, or **T4**) reduced by more than 50%, light emission quantity may be significantly enhanced but the organic light emitting layer **142** is so thin that the life of the organic light emitting device **100** may be deteriorated. Therefore, the organic light emitting layer **142** is made to have a thickness of **T3** thinner than **T1** or **T2** or **T4** by a modest amount (i.e., **T1** or **T2** or **T4** reduced by 15%-50%) to achieve enhancement of light emission and life of the organic light emitting device at the same time.

In view of the light emission quantity of the organic light emitting layer **142** depending on the thicknesses (**T1**, **T2**, **T3**, etc.) of the organic light emitting layer **142**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **141**, the light emission quantity per unit area of the organic light emitting layer **142** in the inclined surface **141aa** between the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** and the first connection part **141b** of the first electrode **141** may be larger than the light emission quantity per unit area of the organic light emitting layer **142** in the bottom **141ab** of the concave part **141a** or the first connection part **141b**.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of a part of the region "X" in FIG. 2, illustrating optical paths of light emitted from an organic light emitting layer.

Referring to FIG. 5, the light emitted from the organic light emitting layer **142**, which is confined by being totally reflected in the first electrode **141** and the organic light emitting layer **142**, is extracted to the outside by being re-reflected from the second electrode **143** positioned to correspond to the inclined surface **141aa** by the concave structure of the first electrode **141**, so that outward light emitting efficiency can be improved.

FIG. 6 is a view illustrating optical paths of light emitted from an organic light emitting device according to a comparative example.

Referring to FIG. 6, the organic light emitting device **100c** according to the comparative example includes a first insulation layer **131**, a second insulation layer **133**, and a third insulation layer **160** on a substrate **110**. Unlike the organic light emitting device **100** according to the exemplary embodiment illustrated in FIG. 3A, the organic light emitting device **100c** according to the comparative example includes, on a third insulation layer **160**, an organic light emitting diode **140c** that includes a flat first electrode **141c**, an organic light emitting layer **142c**, and a second electrode **143c**.

Approximately 80% of light emitted from the organic light emitting layer **142c** is confined inside the organic light emitting device **100c**, and only 20% of light is extracted to the outside. Therefore, there is a problem in that the optical efficiency of the organic light emitting device **100c** is very low.

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device including a thin film transistor according to another exemplary embodiment before a first electrode is formed in the organic light emitting device.

Referring to FIG. 7, in a manufacturing process of an organic light emitting device **300** including a thin film transistor according to another exemplary embodiment, a thin film transistor **320**, which includes a gate electrode **321**, an active layer **322**, a source electrode **323**, and a drain electrode **324**, is formed on a substrate **310**. A gate insulating layer **331** may be located between the gate electrode **321** and the active layer **322**.

Thereafter, a second insulation layer (not shown), a color filter **350**, and a third insulation layer **360** are formed on the thin film transistor **320** similarly to the description in FIG. 2.

When the third insulation layer **360** is formed, as illustrated in FIG. 7, only the second region corresponding to the thin film transistor **320** may be patterned so as to reduce the thickness of a first electrode contact hole **368** and the third insulating layer **360** in the third insulating layer **360**, and the first region corresponding to the color filter **350** may not be patterned. Thus, the patterning process of the third insulation layer **360** can be simplified.

FIGS. 8A and 8B are enlarged sectional views of an organic light emitting device according to still another exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIGS. 8A and 8B, an organic light emitting device **400** according to still another exemplary embodiment includes, on a third insulation layer **460**, a first electrode **441** that includes concave parts **441a** and a first connection layer **441b** that connects neighboring concave parts **441a**, and an organic light emitting layer **442** and a second electrode **443** that are arranged in a shape following the morphology of the top surface of the first electrode **441**.

As illustrated above, the shape of the concave parts **441a** of the first electrode **441** is formed through the processes, such as photolithography, wet etching, and dry etching. In this case, the morphology of the concave parts **441a** of the first electrode **441** can be adjusted when a heat treatment process performed at this time is adjusted.

Referring to FIG. 8A, a separation distance G (gap) in the bottom **441ab** of each concave part **441a** may be 0, and when the separation distance G (gap) is 0, an effective light emitting region may be increased so that light emitting efficiency is increased.

The separation distance G (gap) in the bottom **441ab** of the concave part **441a** may be made to zero (0) by adjusting the heat treatment and etching time during the patterning process of the concave part **441a** in the first electrode **441**.

Referring to FIG. 8B, when the separation distance G (gap) in the bottom **441ab** of each concave part **441a** is larger than 0 and an interval is present, the first electrode **441** may include a horizontal extension **447** to the outside of an inclined surface **441aa** in the bottom **441ab** of the concave part **441a**.

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of an organic light emitting device according to still another exemplary embodiment.

Referring to FIG. 9, although an organic light emitting device **500** according to still another exemplary embodiment

is described as a top emission type organic light emitting device in which a color filter **550** is located at the opposite side to the substrate **510**, the organic light emitting device **500** may be a bottom emission type organic light emitting device in which a color filter **550** is located on the substrate **510** side. The top emission type organic light emitting device **500** has an advantage advantageous in life span and luminance because the aperture ratio is increased compared with the bottom emission type organic light emitting device.

An organic light emitting device **500** according to still another exemplary embodiment is different from the bottom emission type organic light emitting device **100** of FIGS. 2 and 3A in that the organic light emitting device **500** includes a reflection plate **544** below the first electrode **541**, includes an adhesive layer **570** between the second electrode **543** and the color filter **550**, and the first electrode **541** includes a convex part **541c**, and the other elements are substantially the same as the bottom emission type organic light emitting device **100**. Thus, redundant descriptions will be omitted. The elements of the organic light emitting device **500**, which are not illustrated in FIG. 9, may be similar to the elements of the bottom emission type organic light emitting device **100** according to the above-described exemplary embodiments.

A reflection plate **544** made of, for example, a conductive material may be disposed under the first electrode **541**. The reflection plate **544** may reflect light emitted from the organic light emitting layer **542** to improve top emission efficiency. When the first electrode **541** itself functions as the reflection plate, the reflection plate **544** may not be separately provided below the first electrode **541**.

The reflection plate **544** and the first electrode **541** may be connected to the source electrode **523** of the thin film transistor **520** through a contact hole formed in the third insulation layer **560**. Herein, it has been described that the first electrode **541** is connected to the source electrode **523** on the assumption that the thin film transistor **520** is an N-type thin film transistor. However, when the thin film transistor **520** is a P-type thin film transistor, the reflection plate **544** and the first electrode **541** may be connected to the drain electrode **524**. The first electrode **541** may be directly in contact with the organic light emitting layer **542**, or may be in contact with the organic light emitting layer **542** with a conductive material being interposed therebetween so that the first electrode **541** can be electrically connected to the organic light emitting layer **542**.

FIG. 10 is an enlarged cross-sectional view for the region "Y" in FIG. 9.

Referring to FIG. 10, the first electrode **541** includes convex parts **541c** and a second connection part **541d** that connects neighboring convex parts **541c**. The first electrode **541** functions as a flattening layer in a portion where no convex part **541c** is disposed.

Referring to FIG. 10, although it is illustrated that a plurality of convex parts **541c** are provided, for example, a single convex part **541c** may be provided without being limited thereto.

FIG. 11 is a partial perspective view illustrating the third insulation layer, the reflection plate, and the first electrode of FIG. 9 partially in cross section.

The convex parts **541c** have a positive-tapered shape that is narrowly inclined upward. For example, the cross-sectional shape of the convex parts **541c** may be a trapezoidal shape, but is not limited thereto. The convex parts **541c** may have a truncated conical shape, but may be a polyhedron, such as a partially cut hexahedron or tetrahedron.

The inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** means an angle formed by the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** and the bottom surface of the first electrode **541**, and the inclination θ may be an acute angle.

The inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** may be 15 to 70 degrees. When the inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** has a small angle of less than 15 degrees, the light extraction efficiency may be weak. When the inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** is a large angle of more than 70 degrees, the traveling angle of light, which starts to travel from an effective light emitting region, may be 42 degrees or more. Consequently, the light may be confined again inside the organic light emitting diode **540** and the light emitting efficiency may not be increased.

Although it is illustrated that an interval is present in a case where the separation distance G (gap) in the second connection portion **541d** is larger than 0, the separation distance G (gap) may be zero.

In terms of material, the first electrode **541** may include an amorphous metal oxide, as described above.

The organic light emitting layer **542** and the second electrode **543** is disposed in a shape that follows the morphology of the top surface of the first electrode **541**. Accordingly, the organic light emitting layer **542** and the second electrode **543** have a convex morphology in the convex parts **541c** of the first electrode **541**. Consequently, the shape of the organic light emitting diode **540** may be implemented using the convex parts **541c** of the first electrode **541**.

Referring to FIG. 10, the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **542**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **541**, may be relatively thin in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **541ca** of each convex part **541c**, and may be thinner than the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **542** in the top **541cb** of the convex part **541c** or the second connection part **541d** of the first electrode **541**.

For example, when the organic light emitting layer **542** is formed through a vapor deposition process, the thicknesses T1, T2, and T4 of the organic light emitting layer **542** deposited in a direction perpendicular to the substrate **510** are the same as each other. However, due to the characteristics of the vapor deposition process, the thickness T3 of the organic light emitting layer **542** driving a current between the practical first and second electrodes **541** and **543** in the vertical direction on the inclined surface of the organic light emitting layer **542** becomes relatively thin. The thicknesses T1 and T2 of the organic light emitting layer **542** driving a current between the first electrode **541** and the second electrode **543** are relatively thick in the top **541cb** of the convex part **541c** and the second connection part **541d**.

The thickness T3 of the organic light emitting layer **542**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **541** in the region corresponding to the inclined surface **541ca**, is reduced as the inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** is increased. The thickness T3 of the organic light emitting layer **542**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **541** in the region corresponding to the inclined surface **541ca**, and the inclination θ of the inclined surface **541ca** of the convex part **541c** are determined according to Equation 1 described above.

As described above, the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **542** in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **541ca** of each convex part **541c** may be relatively thinner than the part of the thickness of the organic light emitting layer **542** adjacent to the top **541cb** of the convex part **541c** or the second connection part **541d**.

The thickness of the organic light emitting layer **542** in a region corresponding to the inclined surface **541ca** of each convex part **541c** being relatively thin may result in an efficient light emitting region in which electric fields are locally concentrated. When the organic light emitting diode **540** is driven, electric fields are locally concentrated in the efficient light emitting region, and a main current path is formed to generate the main light emission.

In one embodiment, T3 is a value of T1 reduced by 15%-50%, T2 reduced by 15%-50%, or T4 reduced by 15%-50%. When T3 is T1 (or T2, or T4) reduced by less than 15%, light emission quantity is not enhanced significantly. On the other hand, when T3 is T1 (or T2, or T4) reduced by more than 50%, light emission quantity may be significantly enhanced but the organic light emitting layer **542** is so thin that the life of the organic light emitting device **100** may be deteriorated. Therefore, the organic light emitting layer **542** is made to have a thickness of T3 thinner than T1 or T2 or T4 by a modest amount (i.e., T1 or T2 or T4 reduced by 15%-50%) to achieve enhancement of light emission and life of the organic light emitting device at the same time.

In view of the light emission quantity of the organic light emitting layer **542** depending on the thicknesses (T1, T2, T3, etc.) of the organic light emitting layer **542**, which is perpendicular to the first electrode **541**, the light emission quantity per unit area of the organic light emitting layer **542** in the inclined surface **541ca** between the convex part **541c** and the second connection part **541d** of the first electrode **541** may be larger than the light emission quantity per unit area of the organic light emitting layer **542** in the top **541cb** of the convex part **541c** or the second connection part **541d**.

FIG. 12 is a view briefly illustrating an organic light emitting display device in a case where the organic light emitting device according to the exemplary embodiments is an organic light emitting diode display device.

Referring to FIG. 12, an organic light emitting diode display panel **600** according to the exemplary embodiments includes: an organic light emitting display panel **610** in which a plurality of data lines DL and a plurality of gate lines GL are disposed, and a plurality of subpixels SP are disposed in a matrix type; a data driver **620** configured to drive the plurality of data lines by supplying a data voltage to the plurality of data lines; a gate driver **630** configured to sequentially drive the plurality of gate lines by sequentially supplying a scan signal to the plurality of gate lines; and a controller **640** configured to control the data driver **620** and the gate driver **630**.

FIG. 13 is a view briefly illustrating a lighting device in a case where the organic light emitting device according to the exemplary embodiments is a lighting device.

Referring to FIG. 13, a lighting device **700** according to exemplary embodiments includes a lighting unit **710**, a controller **740** that controls the lighting unit **710**, and the like. The lighting device **700** may separately include a driver like the organic light emitting display device **600**, but is not limited thereto.

In the case where the organic light emitting device is a lighting device **700**, as described above, it may be an indoor or outdoor lighting device, a vehicular lighting device, or the like, or may be combined with another mechanical member to be applied to the above-described lighting devices.

FIG. 13 illustrates the organic light emitting device according to exemplary embodiments as a lighting device **700**. However, without being limited thereto, the organic light emitting device may be, for example, a light source.

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According to the above-described exemplary embodiments, an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device can improve external light extraction efficiency by applying a concave or convex structure to the first electrode.

According to the above-described exemplary embodiments, an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device can improve an outward light emitting efficiency and reduce power consumption.

According to the above-described exemplary embodiments, it is possible to increase the lifetime of an organic light emitting diode and an organic light emitting device.

The above description and the accompanying drawings provide an example of the technical idea of the present disclosure for illustrative purposes only. Those having ordinary knowledge in the technical field, to which the present disclosure pertains, will appreciate that various modifications and changes in form, such as combination, separation, substitution, and change of a configuration, are possible without departing from the essential features of the present disclosure. Therefore, the embodiments disclosed in the present disclosure are intended to illustrate the scope of the technical idea of the present disclosure, and the scope of the present disclosure is not limited by the embodiment. The scope of the present disclosure shall be construed on the basis of the accompanying claims in such a manner that all of the technical ideas included within the scope equivalent to the claims belong to the present disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. An organic light emitting device comprising:
a substrate;
one or more insulation layers on the substrate, the one or more insulation layers having a flat top surface;
a first electrode on the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers, the first electrode including a concave part and a convex part, and a concave bottom of the concave part is pointy to form an angle with a surface of the one or more insulation layers;
an organic light emitting layer disposed on the first electrode; and
a second electrode disposed on the organic light emitting layer.
2. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, wherein a separation gap in the concave bottom of the concave part is 0.
3. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, wherein the first electrode of a single layer is disposed directly on the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers, and the concave part or the convex part directly contacts the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers.
4. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, wherein a first thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to one or more inclined side surfaces of the concave part or the convex part is thinner than a second thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to the concave bottom or a convex top of the convex part.
5. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, wherein an inclined side surface of the concave part or the convex part of the first electrode forms an acute angle with a bottom surface or a top surface, respectively, of the concave part or the convex part, respectively, of the first electrode.
6. The organic light emitting device of claim 5, wherein the organic light emitting layer has a thickness that is thinnest on the inclined side surface of the first electrode.

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7. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, wherein the organic light emitting layer and the second electrode are arranged following a shape of a top surface of the first electrode.

8. The organic light emitting device of claim 1, further comprising a thin film transistor on the substrate, wherein the one or more insulation layers are disposed on the thin film transistor, and the first electrode is electrically connected to the thin film transistor through the one or more insulation layers.

9. The organic light emitting device of claim 8, further comprising a color filter disposed in the one or more insulation layers to overlap with at least a part of the organic light emitting layer.

10. An organic light emitting device comprising:
a substrate;
one or more insulation layers on the substrate, the one or more insulation layers having a flat top surface;
a first electrode of a single layer on the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers, wherein the first electrode includes a concave part and a convex part, and a concave bottom of the concave part is disposed over the one or more insulation layers with a gap therebetween;
an organic light emitting layer disposed on the first electrode; and
a second electrode disposed on the organic light emitting layer,
wherein a thickness of the convex part of the first electrode is greater than a thickness of the concave bottom of the first electrode.

11. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein a separation gap in the concave bottom of the concave part is larger than 0.

12. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein the first electrode further includes a horizontal extension in the concave bottom of the concave part.

13. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein a first thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to one or more inclined side surfaces of the concave part or the convex part is thinner than a second thickness of the organic light emitting layer adjacent to the concave bottom or a convex top of the convex part.

14. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein an inclined side surface of the concave part or the convex part of the first electrode forms an acute angle with a bottom surface or a top surface, respectively, of the concave part or the convex part, respectively, of the first electrode.

15. The organic light emitting device of claim 14, wherein the organic light emitting layer has a thickness that is thinnest on the inclined side surface of the first electrode.

16. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein the organic light emitting layer and the second electrode are arranged following a shape of a top surface of the first electrode.

17. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, further comprising a thin film transistor on the substrate, wherein the one or more insulation layers are disposed on the thin film transistor, and the first electrode is electrically connected to the thin film transistor through the one or more insulation layers.

18. The organic light emitting device of claim 17, further comprising a color filter disposed in the one or more insulation layers to overlap with at least a part of the organic light emitting layer.

19. The organic light emitting device of claim 10, wherein the first electrode further includes an inclined part between the concave part and the convex part, and

wherein a thickness of the inclined part of the first electrode gradually increases from the concave part of the first electrode to the convex part of the first electrode. 5

20. An organic light emitting device comprising:
a substrate;

one or more insulation layers on the substrate, the one or more insulation layers having a flat top surface; 10

a first electrode of a single layer on the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers, wherein the first electrode includes a concave part and a convex part, and a concave bottom of the concave part is disposed over the one or more insulation layers with a gap therebetween; 15

an organic light emitting layer disposed on the first electrode; and

a second electrode disposed on the organic light emitting layer; 20

wherein the first electrode is disposed directly on the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers, and the concave part or the convex part directly contacts the flat top surface of the one or more insulation layers. 25

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